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SRI K. VINAYAKAM : Sir, this stretch of land at Pulithivakkam is purely an agricultural land and the agriculturists who are engaged in this avocation are feeling the necessity of a proper seed farm and so would the Government reconsider the matter and investigate the possibility of developing that area?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Opening of a seed farm is not the only method of developing the land and if agriculturists do need pure seeds, it is not necessary that seeds farms should be located just adjacent to their lands. Seeds would be supplied to those who need it.

Foreign studies

* 2279 *Q.*—SRI T. S. RAMASWAMI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of officials, students, professors, teachers and engineering technicians sent abroad for foreign training under the Colombo Plan, T.C.M. Programme and other aids from Foundations and Governments for the last two years; and

(*b*) the steps taken by the Government to avail themselves fully of these training facilities?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : (*a*) Twenty-five officers, twenty professors including lecturers, assistant lecturers, readers, etc., and one engineering technician were deputed for training under the T.C.M. Programme and the Colombo Plan during 1959 and 1960. Seven officers including professors were deputed under other aid programmes assisted by Rockfeller and Ford Foundation during the same period.

(*b*) The Government are making every effort to avail themselves fully of the training facilities offered under these programmes.

SRI T. S. RAMASWAMI : May I know the number of officers or Government servants who have availed this foreign aid without the recommendation of the Government?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : I do not think that any officers belonging to the Government could have taken advantage of this, without the recommendation of the Government.

Supply of cattle at concessional rates

* 2280 *Q.*—SRI T. S. RAMASWAMI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Home be pleased to state—

(*a*) the details of Central Government scheme, communicated to the State Governments for supply of cows and Murra buffaloes at concessional rates to the breeders in the State; and

(*b*) how far have the Government availed of the concession?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) & (*b*) A statement [a] is placed on the table of the House.

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a Printed as Appendix VIII on pages 610 infra